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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS - PLENARY TEN

TTBT/PNE MESSAGE NUMBER TWENTY SEVEN

1. MOSCOW 2862 DATED MARCH 4, 1975 SHOULD BE TTBT/PNE
MESSAGE NUMBER TWENTY SIX.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S STATEMENT
DELIVERED AT MARCH 6, 1975 PLENARY:
BEGIN TEXT: MR. MINISTER, TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME
REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY DR. RODIONOV
AND AMPLIFIED BY YOURSELF DURING OUR MEETING ON MARCH 4.

FIRST, WE WELCOME AGREEMENT BY THE SOVIET SIDE WITH
OUR POSITION THAT PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS SHOULD NOT
PROVIDE NUCLEAR WEAPON-RELATED BENEFITS OTHERWISE PRECLUDED
OR LIMITED BY THE TREATY OF JULY 1974, AND THAT LIMITATION
OF THE YIELD OF PNES IS NOE OF THE NECESSARY MEANS FOR
ACHIEVING THIS END.

AS WE HAVE MADE CLEAR, THE US POSITION IS THAT A
LIMIT OF 100 KT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE AGGREGATE
YIELD OF CONTAINED PNE EVENTS. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT
THERE SHOULD BE NO CONTAINED PNE EVENT WITH A YIELD
HOGHER THAN THIS LIMIT. OBSERVERS CANNOT, BY
THEMESELVES, DETERMINE THE YIELD OF EACH CONTAINED
EXPLOSION IN A GROUP EVENT. RELIABLE YIELD DETERMINA-
TION CAN ONLY BE MADE BY USING TELESEISMIC MEASUREMENTS

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ACQUIRED BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS, AUGMENTED BY

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND OBSERVER FUNCTIONS. BECAUSE
OF THE TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS OF SEISMIC TECHNIQUES,
THE 100 KILOTON YIELD LIMITATION MUST APPLY NOT ONLY
TO A SINGLE CONTAINED PNE DETONATION, BUT ALSO TO THE
AGGREGATE YIELD OF ANY CONTAINED PNE EVENT THAT INVOLVES
THE EXPLOSION OF SD34-) \$3VICES WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY
COLLOCATED IN SPACE AND NEARLY SIMULTANEOUS IN TIME.
HOWEVER, IF THE TIME OR DISTANCE SEPARATION BETWEEN
EXPLOSIONS IS SUCH THAT EACH EXPLOSION CAN BE INDIVIDUALLY
DISTINGUISHED AND THE YIELD OF EACH EXPLOSION DETERMINED
THROUGH TELESEISMIC MEASUREMENTS, THEN THE YIELD
LIMITATION OF 100 KT WOULD APPLY TO EACH OF THE
INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS RATHER THAN TO THE AGGREGATE.

WE LOOK FORWARD WITH INTEREST TO YOUR CONTINUED
PRESENTATIONS ON CONTAINED PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS. AND
YOUR REMARKS ON EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS TODAY.
STOESSEL

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